

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the embodiment of Figure 3, with traverse, for prosecution in this application.

The claims which read on this embodiment are claims 5-14, and new claims 19-20.

Figure 1 was intended as a generic embodiment of the invention. While the embodiment of Figure 4 is technically withdrawn from consideration, claim 7 and 11 read on all figures, since all filters containers shown are "at a predetermined angle in relation to the internal combustion engine."

The Restriction Requirement alleges an undue examination and search burden for the allegedly patentably distinct species. These species were present upon filing of the application and upon the issuance of four Office Actions without a requirement to elect species.

If a burden existed, Applicant submits that restriction should have been required upon initial examination, rather than after three years of prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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